Health related programmes on DD

†2735. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to telecast health programmes on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken by Government so far in this matter; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) Prasar Bharati regularly telecasts programmes on health. A weekly health magazine titled "Kalyani" is being telecast from eight major Kendras since 30th May, 2002. This programme seeks to create awareness about diseases like Malaria, T.B. Iodine Deficiency, Cancer, HIV, AIDS, etc. In addition, 30 second spots on the same subject are also telecast on the national network. Doordarshan in collaboration with BBC World Health Service Trust and NACO has also launched a special campaign on HIV, AIDS.

Venue for hosting international film festivals

2736. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi is proposed to be made permanent venue for hosting International Film Festivals; and

(b) if so, the reasons for making capital as the venue depriving other State where they are generally held by rotation?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No such decision has been taken.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Losses due to video piracy to film industry

2737. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that video piracy has caused losses in excess of Rs. 1700 crore to the film industry and Government exchequer;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.